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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

All claims currently being amended are shown with deleted text struckthrough or double bracketed and new text underlined. Additionally, the status of each claim is indicated in parenthetical expression following the claim number.

Claim 1 remains.

Claim 1 is being amended.

Claims 2 – 15 are being added.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) An improved railway crossing comprising:
 - (a) a rail base;
 - (b) a pair of rail members coupled to said base by a rail clip assembly;
 - (c) a central panel coupled between said pair of rail members;
 - (d) a liner assembly including:
 - (1) a base portion;
 - (2) a pair of support arms secured to said base portion and formed of a pliable material to form a seal when engaged with said pair of rail members;
 - (3) a pair of liners each bonded to an upper vertical edge of said base portion a predetermined clearance distance from said pair of rail members which defines a flangeway; and
 - (4) wherein said liner is formed of a substantially thin layer of ultra high molecular weight polyethylene material and serves to prevent wear of said base.
2. (New) The railway crossing of Claim 1, wherein sidewalls of said base portion define a void therebetween.

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3. (New) The railway crossing of Claim 2, wherein sidewalls of said support arms define a void therebetween.
4. (New) The railway crossing of Claim 1, wherein the base portion is formed at least in part of rubber.
5. (New) The railway crossing of Claim 1, wherein said support arms are formed at least in part of rubber.
6. (New) The railway crossing of Claim 1, wherein said substantially thin layer of ultra high molecular weight polyethylene material comprises a thin strip fastened to said vertical edge of said base member.
7. (New) The railway crossing of Claim 1, wherein said substantially thin later of ultra high molecular weight polyethylene material comprises a thin angled member fastened to said vertical edge and an upper horizontal edge of said base member.
8. (New) The railway crossing of Claim 1, wherein said liner extends substantially along an entire length of said central panel.
9. (New) A liner assembly for use in a railroad crossing comprising:
 - a base portion formed of a pliable material;
 - a support arm secured at an angle to said base portion and formed of a pliable material and adapted to form a seal when in contact with a rail at a railroad crossing; and
 - a liner fastened to an upper vertical edge of said base and formed of a substantially thin layer of ultra high molecular weight polyethylene material for to preventing wear of said base during use at the railroad crossing.

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10. (New) The liner assembly of Claim 9, wherein sidewalls of said base portion define an internal void.
11. (New) The liner assembly of Claim 9, wherein said base portion is formed at least in part from rubber.
12. (New) The liner assembly of Claim 9, wherein said liner is further disposed along an upper edge of said base.
13. (New) The liner assembly of Claim 9, wherein sidewalls of said support arm define an internal void.
14. (New) The liner assembly of Claim 9, wherein a distal end of said support arm includes knurling for contacting the rail at the railcrossing.
15. (New) The liner assembly of Claim 9, wherein said liner is bonded to said base portion.

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